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Congressman Bob Filner (San Diego, CA) announced that he will co-sponsor legislation to rename a major Los Angeles post office after singing legend Nat King Cole.

"Nat King Cole was an artist of unparalleled talent and a shining example of the American spirit," said Filner.

Cole achieved considerable commercial and critical success throughout the 1940's and 50's. Best

Congressman Filner Wants To Honor Musical Legend Nat King Cole Who Broke Racial Barriers

known for his song "Unforgettable," Cole was the first African-American to host a television show. However, advertising executives were uncomfortable with an African-American host, leading to the cancellation

of the show.

Cole also was the first to attempt to integrate the exclusive Hancock Park section of Los Angeles, despite threats against himself and his family. Cole died in 1956, leaving behind an

impressive catalogue of music and an ardent fan base.

Nat King Cole was the overwhelming choice of residents surrounding the Oakwood Post Office when they were asked whom to rename the facility after.

"This honor is a reminder that Cole's legacy is still alive and well today," said Filner. "He stood up to ugly prejudice and America is a better place as a result." ▼